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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR TERMINATION OF SELECTED MAAGS

REFERENCE: STATE 201994 DTG 132137Z AUG 76

1. THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE BY STATE ON
AUGUST 24, 1976: QUOTE: ON JUNE 30, 1976, THE PRESIDENT
SIGNED THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT

CONTROL ACT OF 1976. THAT ACT REQUIRES THAT QUOTE AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, THE NUMBER OF MILITARY MISSIONS, GROUPS, AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS MAY NOT EXCEED 34. UNQUOTE. TO COMPLY WITH THIS STATUTORY REQUIREMENT, THE PRESIDENT HAS AUTHORIZED TERMINATION OF MAAGS IN THE FOLLOWING ELEVEN COUNTRIES BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1976:

BELGIUM NORWAY
DENMARK INDIA
FRANCE COSTA RICA
GERMANY PARAGUAY
ITALY URUGUAY
NETHERLANDS END QUOTE

2. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE MAY BE USED IN RESPONSE TO QUERY:

Q1. HOW WERE THE ELEVEN MAAGS TO BE TERMINATED SELECTED?

A1. THIS ACTION WAS A RESULT OF A WORLDWIDE REVIEW OF MAAGS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW LEGISLATION. SEVERAL FACTORS ENTERED INTO THE SELECTION OF THESE PARTICULAR MAAGS. THEY INCLUDED THE HOST COUNTRY'S SELF-RELIANCE IN DEFENSE MATTERS AND THE FUNCTIONS CURRENTLY BEING PERFORMED BY THE MAAG.

Q2. HOW MANY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE AFFECTED?

A2. APPROXIMATELY 100 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED. ADDITIONALLY, 13 U.S. CIVILIANS ARE AFFECTED.

Q3. WHEN WILL THESE PEOPLE ACTUALLY DEPART?

A3. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL WILL BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DOD WILL TAKE MEASURES TO REASSIGN THE AFFECTED PERSONNEL IN AN ORDERLY FASHION AND TO MINIMIZE PERSONAL HARDSHIP.

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Q4. DOES THIS ACTION REPRESENT A LESSENING OF U.S. INTERESTS IN THESE COUNTRIES?

A4. NO. IN NO WAY DOES THIS ACTION INDICATE A LESSENING OF ANY U.S. INTEREST IN THE COUNTRIES WHERE MAAGS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR TERMINATION. IT IS BASED ON THE ASSESSMENT OF THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THESE PARTICULAR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN AN ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT FASHION OUTSIDE THE MAAG FRAMEWORK.

Q5. DOES THIS ACTION RESULT IN A COST SAVINGS TO THE USG?

A5. YES. THE AMOUNT OF SAVINGS HAS NOT BEEN COMPUTED.

Q6. WILL THERE BE ANY RESIDUAL PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TERMINATED MAAGS?

A6. YES. THE NEWLY-AMENDED SECTION 515 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 ALSO STIPULATES THAT QUOTE (2) THE PRESIDENT MAY ASSIGN NOT MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHIEF OF EACH UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO PERFORM SUCH FUNCTIONS AS SUCH CHIEF OF MISSION DETERMINES NECESSARY WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 5 OF THIS PART, TO SALES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES UNDER THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, OR TO SUCH OTHER INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AS THE PRESIDENT MAY DESIGNATE. AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1977, NO SUCH FUNCTIONS OR RELATED ACTIVITIES MAY BE PERFORMED BY ANY DEFENSE ATTACHES ASSIGNED, DETAILED, OR ATTACHED TO THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY. UNQUOTE.

Q7. WILL THERE BE FURTHER MAAG TERMINATIONS?

A7. THE NEW LAW PROVIDES THAT QUOTE AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1977, NO MILITARY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP, MILITARY MISSION, OR OTHER ORGANIZATION OF UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL PERFORMING SIMILAR MILITARY ADVISORY FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS ACT MAY OPERATE IN ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY UNLESS CONFIDENTIAL

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SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE CONGRESS. UNQUOTE. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING OUR WORLDWIDE SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS WITH A VIEW TOWARD IDENTIFYING THOSE MAAGS FOR WHICH SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE SOUGHT FOR THE POST-SEPTEMBER 30, 1977 PERIOD. COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION OF THE ACT IS UNDER REVIEW WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

Q8. ARE YOU GOING TO RETAIN 3 MILITARY PERSONNEL AS ALLOWED BY THE LAW IN THESE COUNTRIES AS REPLACEMENTS FOR THE TERMINATED MAAGS?

A8. THIS IS BEING ADDRESSED WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND WILL OF COURSE BE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE AMBASSADORS AND THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

3. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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